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HE Indulgent Brow having let loose the Golden Reins of Discipline, hath caused an inundation of Error and Distraction in our Church and State; and it is no wonder if at any time the Bridle of Government be slackned, when the snaffle that should keep it steady and even, hath lost its two Bosses, Fear and Punishment.

By a Gentleman that came this Evening out of *Cheshire*, a relation was brought of the proceeding of the Rebels of *England*, that Sir *George Booth* is the principal man that yet appears to head them; That he commands in chief over them, with the Title of Lieutenant General, and this command it was said he should retain till the coming of *Maffey*, who they expected would be able to bring them great Forces, and accordingly they published it every where to encourage the people to come in to them. That for the carrying on of their design, a correspondence was held betwixt them and *Lancashire*, many of the principal Gentry of both Counties being engaged. In *Cheshire*, besides Sir *George*, there is Col. *Henry Brook*, Major *Peter Brook*, a Member of the present Parliament, the Lord *Kilmorrey*, and his Brother, Mr. *Nathaniel Booth*, brother of Sir *George*, and Col. *John Booth* his Uncle, some of the name of *Extrion*, and *Warburton*, and Mr. *Leigh of Lyme*; divers others are named, but we waite for more certainty concerning them.

In *Lancashire* is the Earl of *Derby*, Col. *Gilbert Ireland*, and other of the Gentry, whose names we yet have not; the chief Scene of Action being in the other County, whither they of *Lancashire* have promised to march to them. In the mean while, the Leaders of *Cheshire* have summoned in their Friends, and Tenants, but with what mind they go you may imagine, when

they dare not do otherwise, because they hold under their Landlords. They have framed a Declaration, wherein it's said, they are so crafty, as to conceal any thing of *Charles Stuart*, lest it should fright the more sober sort of men: and it's said, that when *Sir George Booth* marched first to *Warrington*, a Fellow that could contain no longer, but he must proclaim *Charles*, was told he had like to have spoil'd all, and for it was laid by the heels; but their Declaration is contrived onely with such specious pretences, as may best serve to catch the People.

This Declaration was first spread in the principal Towns, and then, that it might not want the old cover of all Treasons, it had the shadow of Religion to countenance it; for the last Lords day the Ministers made use of it to make sheep indeed of their Parishoners, after they had first read it in their respective Churches.

This day, came Accounts from several parts, from *Worcester*, that a design of Rebellion was laid likewise in that County, and for that purpose a Troop of Horse was formed to begin with, but before they could get right into their gears, they were visited by a party of the Parliaments faithful friends, and dispersed, and some of their Horse were taken; whereupon the City of *Worcester* hath since been put into a good posture, and a course is taken to secure that County, there being no more news of any stir, than is in the other Counties where Rebellion hath been nip'd in the Bud.

From *Staffordshire* came advice, that the Moorlanders of that County, hearing what work was on Foot in *Cheshire*, immediately arose into a Body, to the number of about a thousand men, declaring for the Parliament, being under the Command and Conduct of Major *Gent*, one that hath always manifested a firm affection, and they are ready to joyn with any Forces that shall appear for the Parliament.

From *Wrexham* in *Denbighshire* came notice, that a party was come out of *Cheshire*, and had secured *Chirk* castle, a house of *Sir Thomas Middleton*s, but not tenable, because it is wholly destitute of Water. Whither *Sir Thomas* were consenting to this surprise, cannot yet be positively affirmed, therefore we forbear till we receive a more certain account.

This evening came a person from *Chester* (who had been held

held a prisoner a while by the Enemy, but got away again) to bring an account to the Council of State, who relateth, That the Rebels were in the City, but without great Guns, and that Col. *Cromwell* held the Castle for the Parliament; to whom they sent in a Summons; and with it they sent him also a fine story of *Masses* having 8000 men, with which he he had defeated the Parliaments Forces, and was marching with all speed to joyn with them; nevertheless, the Governour returned them a resolute answer from the Castle; That he would maintain it against them with the last drop of his blood. Moreover, that Sir *George Booth* had appointed himself a Lifeguard; that the number of his Forces were betwixt three or four thousand; that Col. *Ireland* had promised to bring eighteen hundred more to them out of *Lancashire*, but the Earl of *Durby* could do little, having but a slender interest: That they were to draw all their Forces together, as on *Wednesday* last, upon *Ranton Heath*; but it was conceived they could not much augment their number, because a good part of the Country was against them, and were raising Forces also to oppose them.

We had several confirmations of the manner of *Masses* escape, but no news which way he is gone. His man is in custody, and his Papers are brought up, amongst which, one is a Declaration of his own with his name to it, made up of the like stuff with that of Sir *George Booths*, to draw men into the snare; but he was happily prevented in those places, where he supposed he might have found an interest. But as it was but little there, so he hath less in any other part of the Nation.

The Lord *Lambert* being appointed to be Commander of the forces which are to be employed for the suppressing of this Rebellion, is still upon his march, setting forward with three Regiments of Horse; one of Dragoons, and three of Foot, and a Train of Artillery; and he marches with all expedition. Numbers of other forces are to joyn with him in several Counties by the way; so that we doubt not (through the blessing of God) he will in a short time give a good account of the enemy, in whose country a body of forces also will be ready raised to joyn with him at his arrival.

This night also Gen. *Dickens* advanced toward the West of England, where another Body of Forces will be ready for him.

to secure those parts against any Design that may be laid there upon the like pretence, which whatsoever they be, yet since the Interest of *Charles Stuart* is Triump among them, it would turn (should be ever prevail) to the confusion of those very *bad Heads*, which were formerly against him, but now so forward to bring him in. But our Trust is in God who gives strength and Victory, and hath already given evidence of his blessing, upon the wisdom and care of the Parliament and Council of State, by checking the rise of some grand plotted Insurrections, and by restraining the fury of the rest laid in other parts of the Nation.

News of the Insurrection in the South hath so awakened the well-affected here, that though the Act of Parliament for setting the *Militia* came but forth instant, yet the Commissioners sat both day and night for raising Horse and Foot, and truly the number will be very considerable.

This day the Judges were entertain'd very gallantly into this City with such a company of new raised men, that it is judg'd the like hath not been in *England* in so short a time.

There is no sign of the raising of any Malignants in these parts; but it is the general cry amongst them, it is the Presbyterian design.

This days Account concerning *Cheshire*, confirms what was in the last; adding this, That their proclaiming of *Charles Stuart*, hath not increased their number. The principal persons among them, whose names have not yet been mention'd, are,

The Lord <i>Chalmersley</i>	Son of the Baron of <i>Kinder-</i>
Mr. <i>Thomas Ashbury</i>	son.
Mr. <i>Chalmersley</i> of <i>Pule-Royal</i>	Sir <i>William Neile</i>
Major <i>General Egerton</i>	<i>Philip Egerton</i> ,
Col. <i>Warden</i>	Major <i>Philips</i> .
Col. <i>Shakerley</i>	Mr. <i>Thomas Nedham</i> Brother
Mr. <i>Pieris Leigh</i>	to the Lord <i>Kilmurtry</i> .

Several persons were brought in, that were engaged in the present design, viz. *George Gerte*, *Edward Gerte*, one *Stone*, one *Daily*, and four others, who were taken near *Margate*; and are committed to the *Gatshouse*.

The three English Regiments which lately served in *Flu-
ders*, arriving this week in *England* by Order, are advanced
to *Dorset* in *Kent*, and are to quarter there this night.

This evening divers of the persons engaged in the Insurre-
ction which was to have been about *Leamington* in *Kent*, being
found in a house not far from *Leamington*, were this evening
brought hither Prisoners; by name,

<i>Robert Pemberton</i>	<i>John Gooden</i>
<i>Robert Rivers</i>	<i>John Edm. of Lincoln</i>
<i>William Price</i>	<i>John Allen</i>
<i>Theodore Lincoln</i>	<i>Garret Rhodes</i>
<i>Colbert Hallwood</i>	
<i>Walter Buchanan Dr. of</i>	<i>John Allen</i>
<i>Physician</i>	

One *Hafry*, an Agent of *Charles Swearing*, a dangerous per-
son, and one, who being formerly in Custody, made an es-
cape being apprehended again, was this day committed to the
Tower.

An account was brought, that *Harding-Castle*, belonging
to the late Lord Chief Justice *Glyn*, hath been surprized by a
party from *Cheshire*; but a place not much considerable, it be-
ing kept only by a few Servants.

Sir William Wallis and several other Gentlemen were seized
by a Troop of Horse at Mr. *Barnard's* House near *Maidstone*,
about one of the Clock in the morning: Most of which gi-
ving a fair Account of themselves, had their discharge.

The great Incendiary *Hugh Parris* died at *Briesthill* in *Red-
fordshire*, full of Distraction and Confusion in his Judgement.

The Lord *Lambert* is supposed to meet the *Cheshire* Forces
very suddenly, his Quarters being at *Litchfield* on *Thursday* last.
There is great Expectation by the contrary Party; But the
Issue we shall leave to him that bestows all Victories.

On *Thursday* last *Sir George Booth* was within twelve Miles of
of *York*, where he made his Rendezvous; and it is thought
unless the *Parliamentary* Forces prevent him, that he will sur-
prise the City.

There is a Report concerning the Lord *Willoughby*, but doubting of the truth thereof, we shall leave it till the next.

It is rumord that the Citizens of *London* were very importunate for a Common-Hall; but the Lord Mayor supposing it not convenient, hath desired the Common-Council to put it off till another day.

There was a most horrid and bloody design set on foot in the City of *Glocester*, intending there to have murdered all the Independents and Anabaptists, and others whom they call Sectaries. And the better to effect this most damnable plot, there was a List secretly taken of the Names of all the Independents and Anabaptists in the City: and the time appointed for the execution of this bloody action, and such as should be the Executioners, had their places and persons appointed, whom to Massacre in this manner. But it pleased God, that the very day before the night came, in which this work of darkness should have bin done, some of those vile wretches fell out among themselves: Whereupon, the thing was discovered by some of themselves: and many innocent persons preserved from the hands of cruel Murderers.

The Council of State being informed that the Congregational Churches, and others really affected to the Parliament and Common-wealth, in and about the City of *London*, had a desire to put themselves into a posture of defence against the Common Enemy, not only rewarded them thanks for their good affection, but gave them encouragement to proceed in their good desires. Whereupon, three Regiments are suddenly to be raised, and the Colonels already chosen and approved by the Council, viz. Sir *Henry Kim*, Maj. Gen. *Stappan*, and Col. *White* of the *Foot*.

The Citizens of *London* seem to be much discontented, because there are so many Sectaries and Anabaptists in Arms; bin their Fears are groundless; for the Parliament have no other Design but to secure the Peace of the Nation.

The Countreys are much disturbed at these new Insurrections, because they have not as yet got in their Harvest. Supposing that their men will be employed otherwayes; but we hope better things, for we shall be more troubled for want of Bread, than they for want of men.

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